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FIRST CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE HELD

On Sunday, November 25, Far West Ski Association held their opening Cross-Country race of the year at Cal-Nordic Institute at Twin Lakes. 30 Participants were active in this 4 kilometers (2½ miles) race. The best time was 18 minutes with everyone finishing.

Races will continue throughout the season on a regular basis with the average skier in mind. Scheduled races are: December 28; January 13; February 24; March 24; April 7—all at 11am.

The FWSA Nordic Recreational Racing Championship will be held Easter vacation, April 21, at 11am. Please make reservations for all races.

Cross-Country skiing is ideal for the novice skier in that it is basically less expensive, safer and easier than downhill skiing. Anyone who walks or hikes can learn the basic walk-like movements. For the serious downhill skier it adds a new dimension to the sport. It is one of the most easily learned winter activities.

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bound. Nothing can prevent him from enjoying the quiet of an isolated mountain or woods or discovering the beauty of a mountain valley in its winter setting. You will find all the solitude one needs.

For those of you who aren't attracted to downhill skiing this is your chance to avoid becoming a non-skier.

with Rick LaSalle, local photographer and owner of Inyo Photo Mono in the Village Center who will be taking color pictures of children with Santa.

A variety of colorful Christmas wrapping paper will be featured in the Village Center's exclusive booth.

The booth located in the center of the mall will be operated co-operatively by all the merchants of the Center. Any purchase made in the mall from any store will qualify for this free gift service.

Xmas Trees On Sale

The Mammoth Lakes Jr. Women's Club and Mammoth Lakes 4-H Club are currently selling Christmas trees in the vacant lot directly west of the Village Center.

Project director Kathy Dye of the Jr. Women's Club assures that a wide variety of high quality silver tips and douglas fir have been cut this year. Mrs. Dye also urges that shoppers come early as sales are traditionally high immediately after Thanksgiving. For those of you who have had trees in Mammoth before know that the trees stay healthy and green for months after cutting.

Christmas Ball Announced

Final plans have been formulated for the 5th Annual Southern Mono Hospital Xmas Ball to be held December 12th. Plans have been confirmed for the use of the new Convention Center, lifts 7 and 8, Mammoth Lakes. In addition to being the 5th Xmas Ball, Southern Mono Hospital Auxiliary are honored to also be the first-grand opening-event of this new facility. At the recent board of directors meeting, Nancy Garner, President, announced tickets will go on sale November 19th. If no member is available, direct reservations may be made by calling President Garner, 934-2675. Price of tickets—\$12.50 per couple, \$6.25 single.

"Phlik" Mystery Unveiled

After many weeks of teasers around the Mammoth area, "Captain Phlik" has been unveiled. Surprisingly, it is not a person or a "naughty" word...but a place!

Mammoth Mountain Inn, which has just about completed a total remodeling/renovation project, has added a "first" to the Mammoth Entertainment Scene.

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The grand opening of "Phlik" is slated for Saturday, November 24. The hours are from 4 pm till 2 am. (Sorry no one under 21 will be allowed.)



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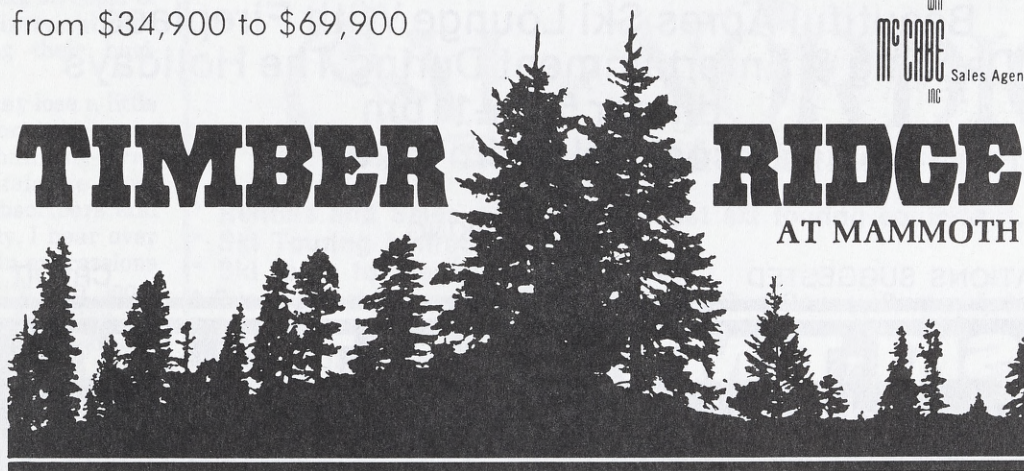
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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Jay Cole

The energy crisis is certainly having its effect on the American public, particularly Californians who are so dependent on the automobile.

However, skiers are a pretty dedicated bunch. In spite of the "Energy Panic", Mammoth skiers are hitting the slopes in record numbers. On Friday, after Thanksgiving, an estimated 13,000 skiers were on the hill (including season pass holders). On Sunday, December 2, approximately 8,000 lift tickets were sold—a record for a non-holiday.

Interviews with skiers over the past week leads us to believe that they may have to alter their schedules somewhat but they are still going to ski.

A survey of businesses in Mammoth and along 395 indicate that skiers will have plenty of help getting to and from Mammoth. Gas stations along 395 and in Mammoth have vowed to remain open until forced to close by law. Many won't close until fined!

If fines are imposed these stations will open at 12:01 Monday to serve skiers driving to L.A. early in the

morning.

Restaurants in Mammoth and Bishop are planning to remain open all night as well.

As we go to press we can safely say that there is no need to alter skiing plans. Fuel is available in Mammoth and along 395. When Congress passes the energy bill, skiers may have to leave late Sunday night—but services will definitely be open all night along the highway.

For those who elect not to drive, several alternatives are available: Sierra Pacific Airlines will continue

to run daily flights to Mammoth from LAX and Burbank. Mark Four Bus Lines will also offer direct service from L.A. to Mammoth Friday evening and from Mammoth to L.A. Sunday night.

Most importantly, the Mammoth Mountain Ski Lifts have assured skiers that they foresee no cut-backs in lift operations. Mammoth businessmen are moving to reduce—eliminate any major inconveniences as a result of the energy crisis. The skiing is great—come join the fun at Mammoth!

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MONO PLAN MEETING DEC. 17 TO REVEAL ALTERNATIVE MASTER PLANS FOR MAMMOTH

Put Monday, December 17, on your calander—NOW! If you have any interest in the future of the Mammoth community, be in attendance at the next Mono Plan meeting.

An "open house" will be held from 11am to 5pm at the Forest Service Visitors Center. At this time you may leisurly look at the alternative master plans for the Mammoth area.

James A. Roberts and Associates, the consulting group in charge of the Mono Plan study, will be on hand all day to answer questions and take your "vote" for the best plan.

At 7:30pm that evening, there will be a public meeting to formally present the alternative plans and to answer your questions.

The Lakes District Review has learned that there will probably be five alternative plans presented (and perhaps more). Possibilities include: 1. Future development in the area to center around the development of Sherwin Bowl Ski Area; 2. Future development to be in a totally new area centering around San Jouquin Ridge (this would be a third town between Mammoth and June); 3. No additional growth for the area and 4. Future expansion of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to accommodate the growth of the town of Mammoth.

On December 17, the community will be asked to make a decision on which

of the alternatives is most suitable. It is very important that everyone be in attendance at this meeting!

Anyone who has a little spare time before the meeting date and is willing to help make local phone calls to encourage attendance please call The Lakes District Review 934-2126.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor,

Just a note to tell you "Thanx" for a great magazine. I look forward to each issue. Your up-to-date news is especially appreciated, as is your effort to clean up the Mammoth area. Keep up the "nagging" and the pressure.

Sincerely,

A Second Homeowner

Dear Editor,

Along with the three dollars we send grateful thanks for straightforward journalism and for calling the shots as you see them and even taking on some of your advertisers...at the risk of losing their business.

While you may lose a little revenue, short-term, you can be sure that, long-term, you will maintain the loyalty of your subscribers and the community. I hear over and over again expressions of disgust with the local newspaper because it avoids most controversies. I do believe that a good part of your instant success is your presentation of the issues and controversies that are so important to everyone in Mammoth Lakes. We trust you will continue the same!

Genny Smith

Thank you for your kind comments. The Mammoth Lakes Press tries to meet the issues head-on! We have lost some advertisers but hopefully gained readers like yourselves.

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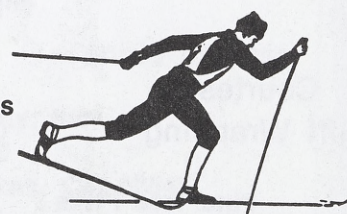
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Raymond R. Taylor, Vice

President of Operations, will be based at Mammoth on a full time basis. He is in charge of the Mammoth transportation program and is now acting President of the corporation.

Five buses will be operating daily. Frequent runs to and from the mountain will

service both the main lodge and the new base facility at 7&8. Buses will run throughout the village from 7:00am to 5:30pm.

For evening activity a "Dinner Special" schedule will be established from 7:30 to midnight.

In the near future the Public Utilities Commission

should approve the proposed routes and a firm schedule will be published. Detailed routing will also be established.

Group charters will be available. Mammoth Stage will also make runs to the Mammoth Lakes Airport for incoming and departing flights.

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MAMMOTH TRAFFIC SURVEY IN PROGRESS

Al Weber and Associates, a well known Los Angeles research firm, is in the process of conducting a traffic survey for the Mammoth area. The objective of the survey is to determine what traffic patterns currently exist and what "road design" is required to accommodate future development. The U.S. Forest Service and Division of Highways are co-operating with Weber & Associates. Results will be turned over

to the Monoplan Association early next year.

Much of the data has already been obtained from skiers who drove to Mammoth over the Thanksgiving holiday. The data will be refined and expanded upon between now and January of 74. This study is one of many that are being planned for the Mammoth area by Dempsey Construction and the American Hawaiian Corporation.

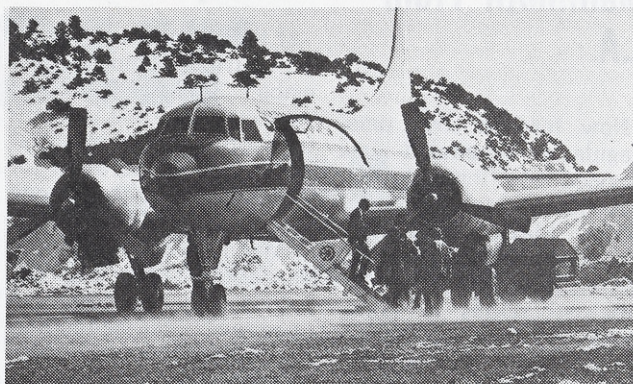
MONO PLAN FUNDING LOOKS GOOD

Currently it looks like Mono County will receive funding for the total amount necessary to complete Phases III and IV of the Mono Plan. The funds are almost assured from the Federal Regional Plan-

ning Commission.

This announcement was made at Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's meeting. At that time a resolution was adopted for a full time Mono Plan co-ordinator to be employed by the county.

Sierra Pacific Expands Flight Schedule



Sierra Pacific Airlines started flights between Mammoth and Los Angeles International Airport over the Thanksgiving weekend. One flight daily will depart LAX West Terminal at 7:15 am and arrive in Mammoth at 9:30 am. Leaving Mammoth at 4:30 pm, the airline will arrive at LAX at 6:40 each evening. The Burbank/Mammoth schedule remains the same with two flights, each direction, daily—morning and after-

noon.

Burbank to Mammoth

Flight No.	Leave	Arrive
33	8:00am	9:30pm
55	2:30pm	4:00pm

Mammoth to Burbank

Flight	Leave	Arrive
44	10:00am	11:30am
66	4:30pm	6:00pm

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Bus Schedule Announced To Mammoth From L.A.

Now for the first time, regularly scheduled bus service is offered to the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Mark IV Charter Lines, Inc. has been granted exclusive franchise certificated routes to Mammoth by the California Public Utility Commission. Buses will commence from various points in the So. California area. The ski bus system, known as the "SNOWBALL EXPRESS" will depart every Friday evening returning the following Sunday.

Upon arrival, skiers will be taken to their accommodations in the village. Shuttle service to and from the lift is included with the service. The "SNOWBALL EXPRESS" offers the option of transportation only, or a package which includes room, reservation, transportation and lift ticket.

Skiers may now leave their cars home and no

LAFCO Approves Incorporation Proposal

At the incorporation public hearing Monday, December 3, LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Committee) approved the proposal for the incorporation of Mammoth Lakes with one basic modification: that the financing of the city be based on a property tax rather than the proposed "use tax". This means that the proponents may now petition the Board of Supervisors for permission to collect signatures in favor

longer have to contend with the gasoline shortage, nor traffic conditions which prevail in the Mammoth area.

Coaches are scheduled to leave every Friday evening from the following areas: West L.A., Sherman Oaks, Northridge, No. Hollywood, Torrance, Rosemead, West Covina, Montclair, Long Beach, Cerritos, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach. For further information call (213) 775-8221 or (213) 830-5252.

of incorporation.

LAFCO was required to evaluate the proposal on ten requirements:

1. Boundries should not include areas that are difficult to serve — possibly the Lakes Basin would be hard to serve in the winter while the Ski Lift Area services are predominantly provided by private enterprise.

2. There is a need for municipal services and controls — within the community of Mammoth

Lakes is a demonstrated need; the Lakes Basin and Ski Lift Area show no definite need.

3. Incorporation will satisfy the need for controls and services — cost of the services is a major consideration (covered in #6).

4. There exists a social and economic homogeneity within the area — the Ski Lift Area and community show dependency in winter; the Lakes Basin Area in the summer.

5. There would be no

threat to the adjacent cities — no adjacent city.

6. There is sufficient revenue to provide services — LAFCO presented a revised budget and revenues based on maximum figures. These figures were still economically feasible.

7. There are no alternatives to the proposal which would provide the required services in a more reasonable manner — County Service Areas could provide most services; however, would not allow the local control.

8. There is no attempt to incorporate exclusively revenue-producing properties or to pre-empt a tax base to prevent an adjacent city from annexing it — might possibly affect the inclusion of the Lakes Basin and Ski Lift Area.

9. Creates no territorial sanctuary for a special interest group — questioned the original proponent, the Mammoth Advisory Council.

10. Not an attempt to avoid annexation to an adjacent city — not applicable.

Most audience comments surrounded the two most controversial issues: the financing of the city and the exclusion of the Lakes Basin and Ski Lift Areas.

The first issue was settled by LAFCO as they refused to accept the proposal with the "use tax" as the method of financing the city. The petition for incorporation and ballot must not include any reference to this method of financing and must state that a property tax (maximum of \$1.00 per \$100 assessed valuation) be the method of financing. It should, however, be noted that it will ultimately be the City Council's decision as to the method of financing the city.

LAFCO can not address the subject of the city boundries. This must be done by the Board of Supervisors in subsequent public hearings.

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The problem of abandoned cars—illegally parked cars has become critical in Mammoth Lakes, particularly during periods of heavy snow. A secondary but closely related situation is even more prevalent, that of cars without chains/snow tires operating on roads where **common sense** should dictate their use. Many of the abandoned cars or illegally parked cars can be attributed to the fact that people, unwilling, unable, or reluctant to put on chains, will abandon their cars.

At present many of these cars are being ticketed—the fine in Mono County for parking a car where it enters with snow removal or obstructs the right-of-way is \$50 for the first offense.

In addition these cars will be towed at the owners expense to the new Impound Storage Yard next to the Sheriff's Substation on U.S. 395.

We believe that the towing of illegally parked cars will be a major step forward in alleviating traffic congestion and accidents—as well as facilitating snow removal—however it's not the total answer. After heavy snowfalls all cars should be **required** to use chains and should be cited when appropriate. Signs stating "chains required" should be posted not only at the



gate to the Mountain but also on Lake Mary Road, or Lakeview Road (going up the hill to chair 8) and at other key locations. Every weekend skiers are lined up on Lakeview Road attempting to climb the hill to chair 8 **without** chains. Accidents and traffic congestion and/or illegal parking are the result.

This area surrounding the new base lodge at Chairs 7&8 is currently an area of much concern. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area realized that the congestion would be severe when they requested a permit for additional parking area at 7&8; however, the request was turned down. No parking signs have been erected on all streets leading to the area and will be strictly enforced. Also overnight parking in the 7&8 parking lot will be prohibited.

Highway 203 above Chair 4 has been widened to

allow for parking on both sides of the street. This has helped somewhat; but on the past two busy weekends the parking has extended far below this point.

The county has just approved the purchase of four additional pieces of snow removal equipment—three will be assigned to Mammoth. The badly needed plows can only operate

when the roads are not obstructed.

What can you do to help alleviate these problems:

1. If you are a cabin owner, be sure that you have cleared enough parking space off the right-of-way to accommodate your cars and those of guests.

2. Walk—to the lifts or to the stores whenever possible; or even hitchhike.

3. After the bus line begins operation, use the bus for transportation.

4. Form car pools to and from the lifts.

5. Use your chains when the roads are snow covered; install them totally clear of the right-of-way. Most of all obey all chain control signs.

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AUTO IMPOUND AREA NOW A REALITY

Last Tuesday the Mono County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal submitted by Bernie Campbell for the operation of an impound yard to provide storage for illegally parked cars as designated by the Mono County Sheriffs Department and the California Highway Patrol. The impound area is located next to the Sheriffs Substation on U.S. 395 just south of the Mammoth junction. It will serve Mammoth, June and Crowley Lake areas. It will be fenced and an attendant will be on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The yard will be used only for those vehicles which have been illegally abandoned or parked on public

right-of-ways and cause a hazard to the flow of snow removal equipment, emergency vehicles and general vehicular traffic.

Parking is one of our most serious problems—particularly during snowfalls. Last spring Mono County passed a parking ordinance which should help alleviate this problem: "During periods of heavy snowfalls and during snow removal operations, persons issued citations on public streets and highways will be fined \$50 for the first citation, with increased amounts for the second and subsequent citations. It is the obligation of the property owners and owners of such vehicles to provide a place for their vehicle during such

Snow Parking Do's & Don'ts

California's parking law is designed to prevent standing vehicles from impeding the flow of traffic. This is extremely important in areas where natural hazards such as ice and snow tend to reduce the usability of roads.

You may park off the lanes on the right side of and parallel to the highway. If the road is bounded by curbs, you must park with the right-hand wheels of your vehicle within 18 inches of the right-hand curb.

You may not stop or park with any part of your vehicle on the road when it is practical to pull completely off. A practical location is one reasonably close to your desired stopping point but not necessarily at that exact spot. If you cannot get completely

periods."


The combination of the enforcement of this parking ordinance and the ability to tow those cars blocking traffic should hopefully improve some of the traffic problems this winter.

clear of the road, you may not park unless traffic can pass your vehicle without being diverted from its lane, and your vehicle can be seen for at least 200 feet in both directions. Parking is also prohibited on or along any freeway, including ramps and the right of way between fences bounding the freeway even when no signs are posted prohibited parking.

Do not park in locations where banked snow has narrowed the highway so that only the traffic lanes are open. You will interfere with snow removal and you may cause a traffic snarl. If your vehicle is illegally parked, it may be towed away by order of the California Highway Patrol, and you will be liable for the tow charges.


Remember—a full tank of gasoline....a battery that is in top shape...windshield wipers that are in good working order...anti-freeze in the radiator...and an exhaust system that is in good repair, are things that will help make your trip trouble free.

While you are driving start slowly on slippery roads. Rapid acceleration only spins the wheels...Allow plenty of room to stop—increase your following distance...To slow or stop, pump the brakes gently; locking the wheels can bring on a skid...Watch for snow removal equipment and other slow-moving vehicles...If traffic stops, relax and stay in line; never cross over into the lane for opposing traffic...Be prepared to put on tire chains when required. Do not remove chains until signs indicate end of control zone.


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Smokey's Story

by Beverly Wilson

One of the most popular attractions at the Mammoth Visitor Center is the feather rock statue of Smokey the Bear that stands near the entrance. People of all ages are attracted to this forest greeter, sometimes so much so they cannot resist the temptation of handling or even climbing over him. Consequently, Smokey's paws and hat have been repaired several times over the years.

Many visitors have asked about the origin of this statue signed RODIN. This brings to mind the summer of 1966, my first year working for the Forest Service. It was also the summer that one of the fire crew, TOM BADILLO, accepted the challenge of creating a statue of Smokey. JOHN HARMENING, who was then FCO, with the assistance of a Cat and ten people, loaded a huge chunk of feather rock from the Mono Craters pumice mine onto a stakeside truck. It filled the truck bed and was an unbelievable spectacle as the size of the rock was overwhelming in proportion to the size of the truck. Little did passersby realize that feather rock is one-fifth the weight of ordinary granite.

Tom spent many, many hours chiseling away on the huge boulder. Before summer ended and Tom returned to school, Smokey came alive and was moved from the warehouse area to the entrance of the old Ranger Station. The new Mammoth Visitor Center Ranger Station was completed during the fall of 1968 and occupied early in 1969. That was the year of the record snow fall at Mammoth which delayed Smokey's transfer until mid-summer.

I've often wondered what happened to the young art student who worked one summer of his life to leave his mark with the Forest. Recently I had the unexpected pleasure of visiting with Tom's sister, Didi Badillo Lucas, who filled in the missing years.....After leaving Mammoth, Tom returned to Humboldt State College where he earned his teaching credentials. Teaching art, however, proved to be a frustrating experience and he decided to change



Beverly Wilson and Smokey in front of the Forest Service Visitors Center.

vocations. After studying dancing in California and Washington, Tom went to Europe in 1972 to broaden his experience. Since that time he has been with several ballet companies and currently he is in Hamburg, Germany. Tom loves his work; so much so that he has not married. He is too busy becoming a ballet star. But we wonder if he ever recalls his days at Mammoth and Smokey the Bear.

CARE FOR FROSTBITE

Frostbite prevention is your first line of defense. If you are skiing or outdoors in cold or cold and windy weather and part of your body is exposed take care. Stop and cover up. With wind or while skiing a nose, foot, ear, cheek or finger can become frostbitten even if your body doesn't feel cold.

The early warning signs are a cold numb feeling and a change in skin color—first reddish pink, then white or grayish-yellow.

If you see these symptoms on a friend or fellow winter recreationist Warn This Person. Chances are they are unaware of their condition, especially if ears nose or cheeks are the

areas in danger.

Frostbite victims need immediate medical attention. Here are some Do's and Don't's to help victims until a doctor is available.

DO

Cover frostbitten part until victim can be brought indoors.

Put frostbitten part in warm—not hot—water, under warm blankets or next to warm uninjured skin.

Warm drinks may be taken.

Do place clean dry bandages on frostbitten area. See a doctor as soon as possible.

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The 100,000 square foot plus lodge is built on five levels and will house most of the same functions as the main lodge at the gondola terminal. The first two levels will house lockers (800 season rentals and 200 coin operated), ski repair shop and instruction room. The third level ("snow level") is the ground level on the Chair 8 side of the building. This floor will house the ski shop, ski school offices, ski rental shop, basket check, lift ticket windows and main offices.

The 1000 person cafeteria will be on the fourth level. The cafeteria is designed to handle large skiing crowds as well as group functions. The top level is the "roof"—equipped to seat 1000 sun worshipers or fresh air nuts!

The lodge was opened on a limited basis for Thanksgiving but closed for completion.



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1 1/2lb ham or lamb or bacon (chopped)
2 1/2lbs roughly sliced cabbage
pepper, parsley (chopped)
4 mashed & chopped cloves of garlic
2 onions
1/4 tsp ground cloves
2 peeled carrots
1/2 tsp thyme

Option: celery, turnips or white or red beans

Place water, potatoes and meat in a pot and bring to a boil. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 1 1/2 hours until meat (if it is lamb) is tender. When done, correct the seasoning and add salt.

This soup is to be served as a main course—it is delicious and uncomplicated. Serve it in soup bowls and accompany with warm hunks of French bread covered with melted Jack or Swiss cheese and a hint of garlic powder.

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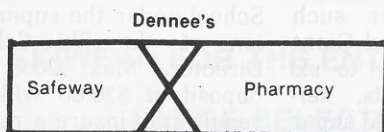
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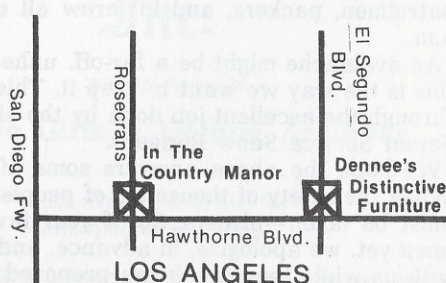
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Standard Races Scheduled

Each Wednesday and Sunday at the main lodge and Thursday at Chair 7&8, the Mammoth Ski School sponsors a Standard Race that anyone — from the snowplower to the advanced skier — may participate in. About 3000 skier a year join in these races.

The race is electrically timed. Scoring is based on a forerunner's time. The forerunner is a member of the Mammoth Mountain Ski School. Medals are given as awards. To receive a gold medal you must be within five seconds off the forerunner's time; silver medals—5-10 seconds off the forerunner's time; and bronze medals—10-15 seconds off the time. Women and children get a two-second handicap. Sound Difficult? — not really — give it a try and see how easy it is to take home a medal. Kids not winning a medal get a participation pin. If you fall or feel that your first run was not up to snuff, you can take a rerun.

Each Wednesday, Thursday (at Chairs 7&8), and Sunday mornings the Mammoth Mountain Ski School offers a special class which includes the morning lessons in ski racing technique and the entry fee in the afternoon Standard Race.

What It Takes To Open A Mountain

"What, Chair 3 isn't open?"

"What's with Gondola 2?"

"Why the delay?"

Have you ever asked any of the above questions after looking at the Operations Board? The following is a short explanation, for your interest, of what it takes to "open a mountain" and what can keep it closed.

Conditions that delay the opening of lifts:

HIGH WINDS: How would you like to ski in a 50 m.p.h. wind with a wind/chill factor of -31°? Besides being unpleasant to ski in, such conditions are dangerous and will keep lifts closed. A chair may be delayed in opening if blowing snow ices up the rollers and cables.

Mammoth gets a lot of wind, generally before a storm, so this is often the culprit that keeps lifts closed.

POOR VISIBILITY, WHITE-OUTS, FOG: Mammoth Mountain, located between 8900' and 11,000', is often "in the clouds". Getting lost in a white-out at 10,000' is serious business. Mammoth Mountain will not put its skiers in such a position. When clouds move in, the chair will be closed until visibility improves.

BIG SNOWFALLS: Everyone gets into the act after a big snowfall; the runs must be packed, chairs must be raised higher off the ground, ramps packed or dug out. Areas of great snow concentrations must be stabilized by cutting and blasting.

Mammoth Mountain is BIG and this takes time. The weekend crews arrive early to accomplish this: patrolmen, packers, and lift crew all start before 5:30 a.m.

An avalanche might be a far-off, unheard of thing, but this is the way we want to keep it. This is only possible through the excellent job done by the ski patrol and the Forest Service Snow Rangers.

We hope the above answers some of your questions. When the safety of thousands of people is at stake care must be taken—always. So, if your favorite chair isn't open yet, we apologize, in advance, and ask you to bear with us while they are being prepared for your safety.

Don't forget our four new lifts. Try 'em...you'll like 'em!!!



Advanced Ski Clinics To Be Offered Again This Season

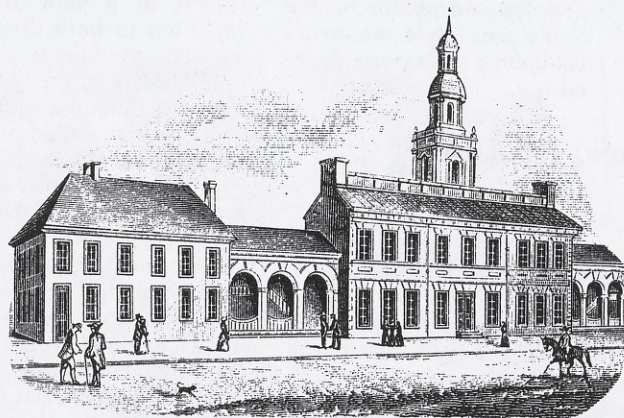
This year, as in the past two years, Mammoth Mountain will offer a special Advanced Ski Clinic, starting the first Monday of each month, December through April, and lasting for five days each.

The clinic is open to the skier who has a strong parallel ability on packed, good snow, and it is designed to cover such areas as high speed Giant Slalom turns; how to ski bumps, avalements, ser-pents etc.; how to ski super steep slopes with short turns and edge sets; how to ski powder, ice, and crud; and racing fundamentals in Slalom and GS. Special

turns such as outriggers, charlestons, and airplanes will be taught for those who wish it, along with some easy trick skiing.

The price of this intensive training session is \$60.00 for instructions and coaching. The all day ski instruction and coaching will be provided by the top instructors and coaches of the Mammoth Mountain Ski School under the supervision of the Ski School Director, Max Good. A deposit of \$20.00 will be required to insure a reservation, with no refunds being made after the deadline. The balance of the fee must be paid on or before registration.

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SKI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

"HOT DOG SKI TIPS"

This season the Mammoth Mountain Ski school will offer classes [by pre-arrangement only] and private lessons in "hot dog" skiing. Fast becoming a favorite with the younger set, free style skiing is now

a test of technique and form rather than speed.

In the following issues Max will present a series of articles and photos on the many free style maneuvers commonly being performed.

FREESTYLE TEACHING PROGRESSION

I. Prerequisites

A. Student Ability

1.) The student should be at least in an "F" class or higher.

2.) It is preferable that the student be a strong skier as many of the tricks involve a good deal of muscles.

3.) It is preferable that the student have a background in diving, gymnastics or some area that develops good balance.

B. Equipment

1.) The tricks should be done on a shorter ski than is normally used for regular skiing.

2.) The shorter the students legs are the shorter the ski should be. Recommended lengths are 150cm for short students, 160cm for medium and 170cm for tall students.

3.) For the purpose of learning a shorter ski may be used than the sizes recommended above, but too short a ski will sacrifice stability in some of the tricks.

4.) The bindings are very important in these tricks. They should be set not to pre release during a trick but keep in mind the strain on the legs if a trick is not done correctly.

C. Terrain

1.) The hill should be gentle and smooth, a few moguls should be available for some of the tricks.

2.) Heavy traffic should be avoided as many of the tricks involve long traverses and the skiing is done mostly across the hill rather than down.

3.) The best snow condition is packed snow. Ice and powder snow should be avoided.

4.) The ideal condition would be a short hill with its own lift separate from the rest of the hill.

THE REUEL CHRISTIE TURN



1.) The first step is to find your balance position while standing on the hill. Lift the downhill ski and balance yourself on the uphill ski, you will be on the outside edge. (Note:) The key to balance is the head. You should keep your head directly over the ski. This will place the upper

body into the hill, a position opposite to angulation. The downhill arm will usually be forward with the upper body square to the ski.

2.) After the balance point is found in the static position repeat in a slow traverse. This exercise should be repeated in both directions.

3.) The student is now ready for side slipping on the uphill ski. Use the poles to help balance. Work into a forward diagonal side slip.

The traverse will improve balance on the uphill ski while moving. The side slip will improve edge control on the uphill ski. Use these exercises as necessary.

4.) When the student shows balance and edge control he is ready for the Christie Fan on the uphill ski. The fan progression is the same on the uphill ski as on both. **Remember to use both directions.** When the fan progression reaches the fall line the student is ready for a single complete Reuel Christie turn.

5.) From a traverse with the uphill ski weighted the weight is transferred by stepping downhill. Towards the fall line with the downhill ski. This flat, weighted ski is then steered through the fall line assuming the balance position and edging as necessary for the Christie phase of the turn.

6.) Link two turns then more as the student progresses. The lifted outside ski can be placed higher or over the students back as his balance improves.

The Out-rigger Turn (Must be able to do a Reuel Christie) (See last issue)



1.) All or part of the progression for the Reuel Christie may be used as necessary for the Out-rigger.

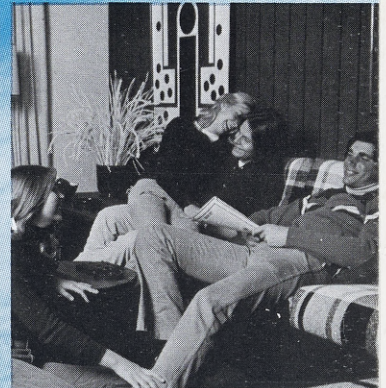
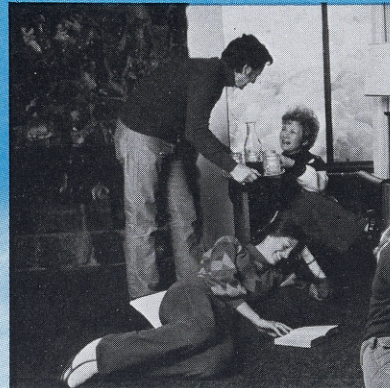
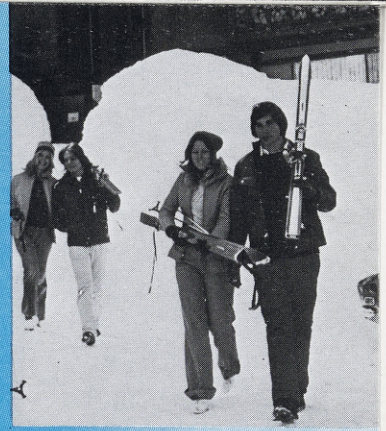
2.) The out-rigger is done exactly like the Reuel Christie with two changes.

a) The body position is lowered over the uphill ski until the student is almost sitting on his heel.

b) The outside ski is not lifted off the snow but extended and completely unweighted. (It will ride on the snow but total balance must be maintained on the uphill ski.)

3.) The student may start in a semi-low position and gradually lower his position as he progresses.

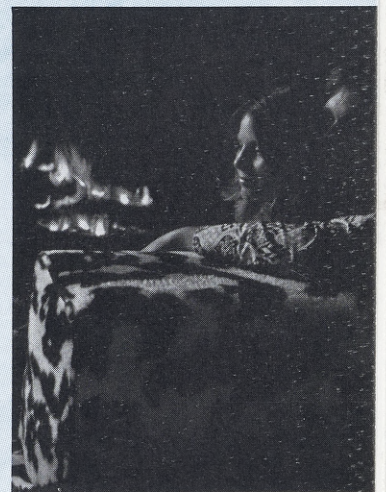
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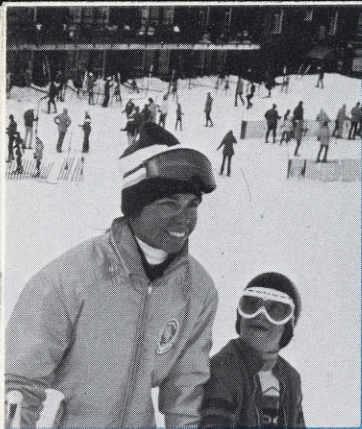


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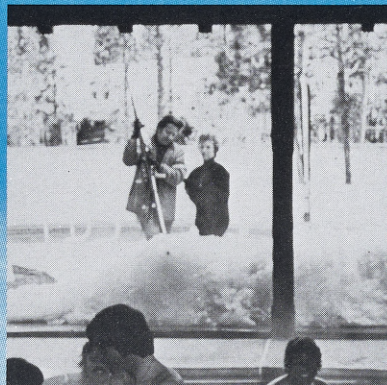
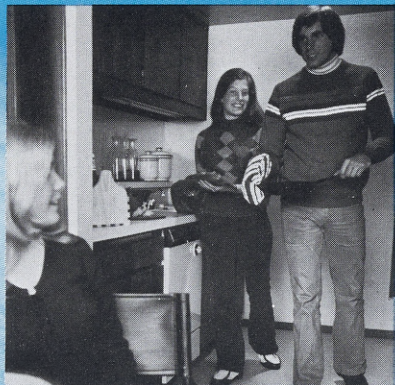
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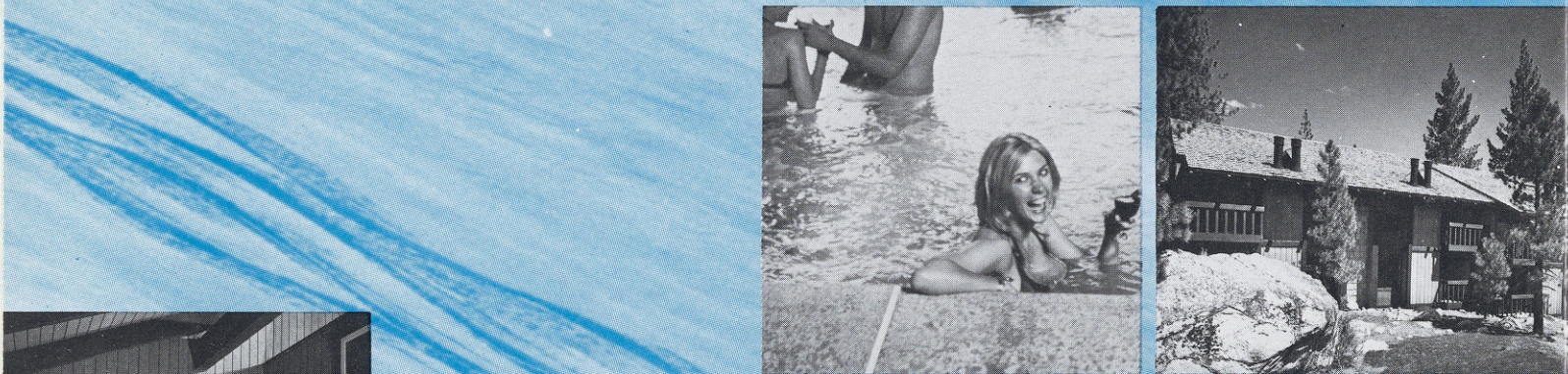




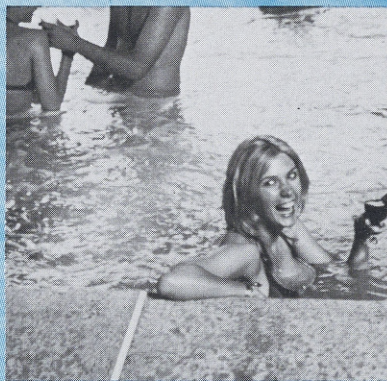
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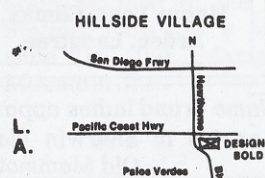
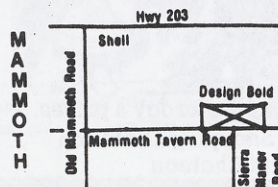
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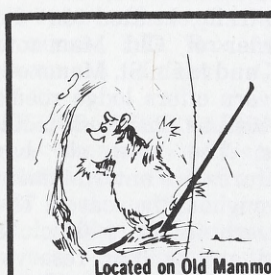
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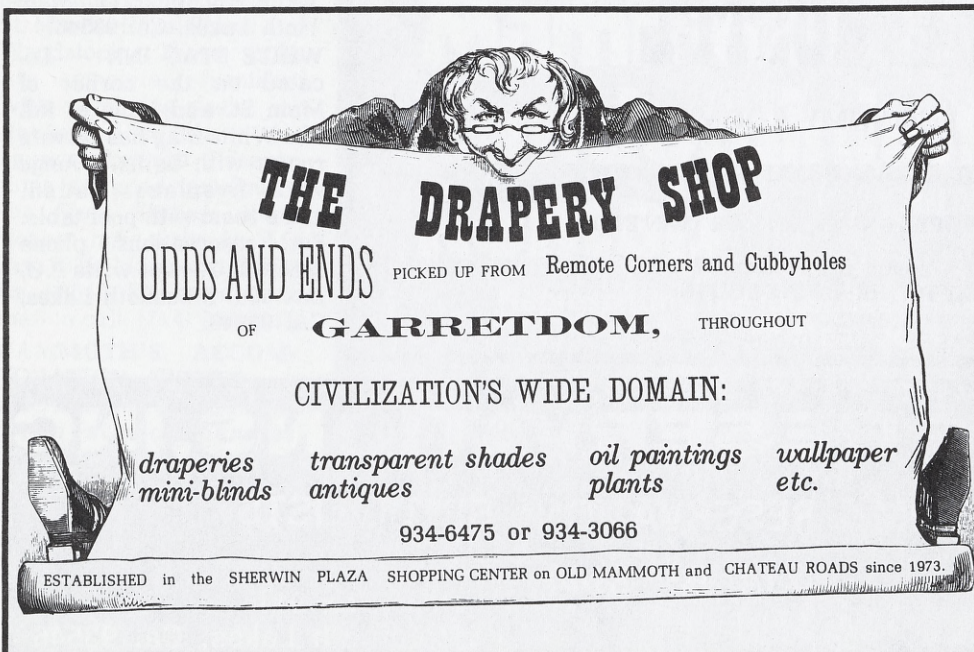


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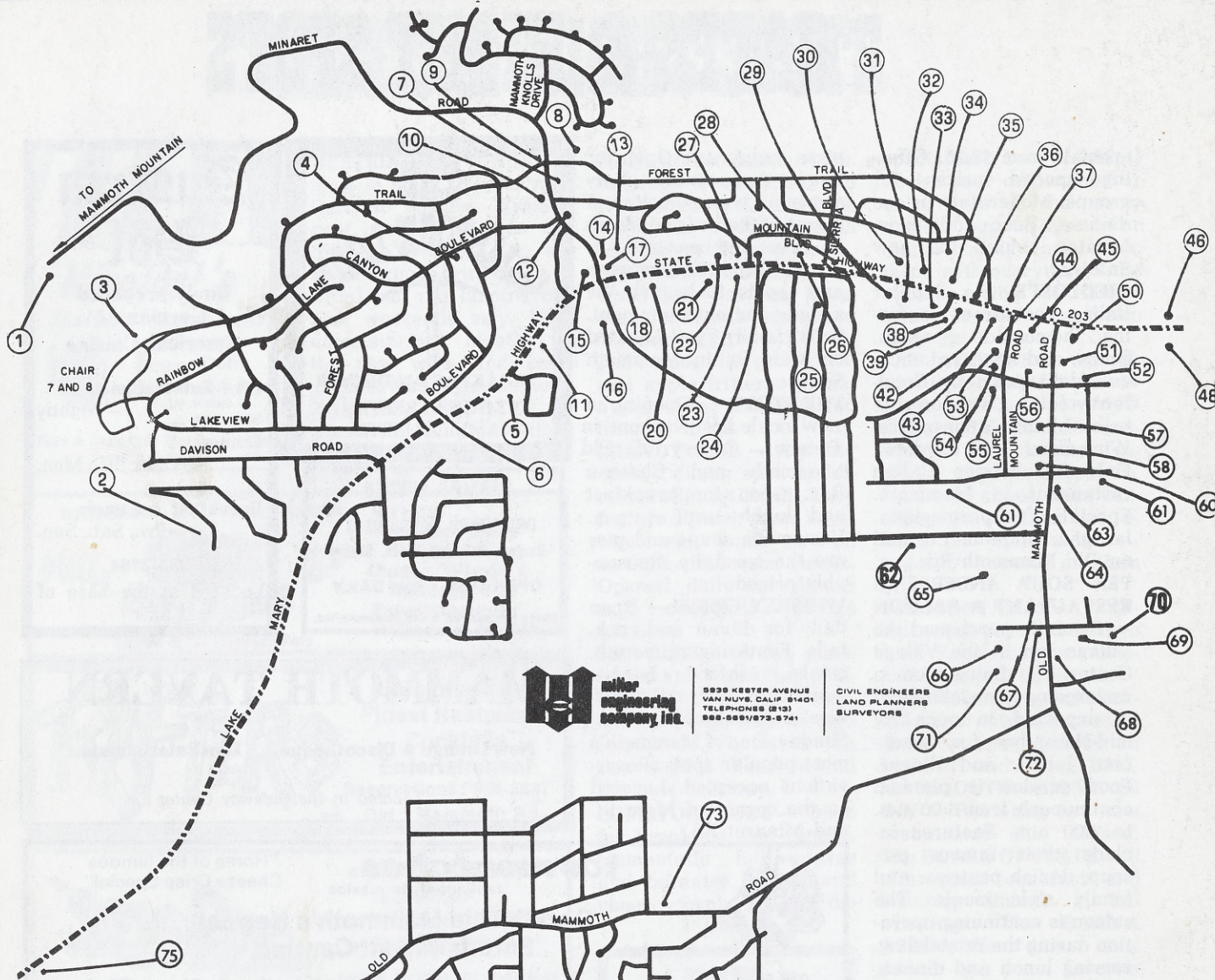
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